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Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA,
October 2, 2016

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30.		Long Range Planning and Implementation Committee
31.	X	Membership Committee
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47.	X	Director-at-Large/Paul A. Wussow
51.	X	Division Director/Central Indiana
52.	X	Division Director/DuPage
53.	X	Division Director/Fox Valley
54.		Division Director/Illinois Terminal
55.	X	Division Director/Illinois Valley
56.		Division Director/Michiana
57.		Division Director/Rock River Valley
58.	X	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin
59.	X	Division Director/Winnebagoland
60.	X	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern
70.	X	Regional Advisory Council Representative
71.	X	Secretary
72.	X	Treasurer
73.	X	Vice President
74.		Immediate Past President
75.	X	President
84.	X	501(c)(3) Report

Item 01
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President Paul Mangan called the meeting to order at 10:30 am at the University of Notre Dame Morris Inn in Notre Dame, Indiana. The agenda for the meeting is at Item 2. Sixteen of the nineteen people attending the meeting in person or by proxy were voting members of the Board of Directors, which constituted a quorum. See Item 3 for a list of all of the attendees who signed in.

Paul thanked Bob Blake and the Michiana Division for hosting the 2016 Fall BOD Meeting.

Minutes

Moved by Minton Dings, seconded by Jim Landwehr, to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 1, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Reports and Comments

The following reports are attached:

- Financial Review Committee (Item 21)
- Convention Committee (Item 23)
- Internet Committee (Item 29)
- Membership Committee (Item 31)
- Director-at-Large Minton Dings (Item 43)
- Director-at-Large Paul Wussow (Item 47)
- Division Director/Central Indiana (Item 51)
- Division Director/DuPage (Item 52)
- Division Director/Fox Valley (Item 53)
- Division Director/Illinois Valley (Item 55)
- Division Director/South Central Wisconsin (Item 58)
- Division Director/Winnebagoland (Item 59)
- Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern (Item 60)
- Regional Advisory Council Representative (Item 70)
- Secretary (Item 71)
- Treasurer (Item 72)
- Vice President (Item 73)
- President (Item 75)
- 501(c)(3) Report (Item 84)

Regarding the Treasurer's Report, Item 72. See summary on the next page:

11:29 PM
09/19/16
Accrual Basis

Midwest Region NMRA
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2016

	<u>Aug 31, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
BMO Harris Checking	46,730.38
Total Checking	<u>46,730.38</u>
Total Checking/Savings	46,730.38
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts receivable	227.65
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>227.65</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>46,958.03</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>46,958.03</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts payable	804.99
Total Accounts Payable	<u>804.99</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>804.99</u>
Total Liabilities	804.99
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62
Permanently Restricted Funds	
Moskal Award Funds	165.20
Youth Program Funds	7,130.42
Total Permanently Restricted Funds	<u>7,295.62</u>
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	21,908.00
Net Income	125.80
Total Equity	<u>46,153.04</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>46,958.03</u>

11:31 PM
09/19/16
Accrual Basis

**Midwest Region NMRA
Profit & Loss
January through August 2016**

	<u>Jan - Aug 16</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
NMRA	
Revenue Sharing	1,383.00
Subscriptions	2,285.04
Total NMRA	<u>3,668.04</u>
Total Income	3,668.04
Expense	
NMRA Rebate	
Rebate to Divisions	345.75
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>345.75</u>
Overhead Expenses	
Achievement Program	91.80
Membership Committee	94.97
Web	267.78
Youth Program	279.19
Total Overhead Expenses	<u>733.74</u>
Waybill	
Postage	702.88
Printing	1,759.87
Total Waybill	<u>2,462.75</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,542.24</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>125.80</u>
Net Income	<u><u>125.80</u></u>

In the absence of Fred Robinson, Mike Vivion presented the Nominating Committee Report. The candidates for election are:

President	Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division
Vice President	Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division
Directors-at-Large	Dan Brewer, Michiana Division Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division Minton Dings, Illinois Valley Division

Moved by Bob Landwehr, Seconded by Jim Landwehr to approve the Nominating Committee Report. Motion carried.

President Paul Mangan asked three times if there were any additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

Moved by Kathy Mangan, Seconded by Jim Lanwehr to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Paul Mangan reported that there had been no activity at the Regional Advisory Council.

Keith Thomsen commented on the "Equity" line in the Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Bob Landwehr, Seconded by Dan Brewer, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Appointments

President Paul Mangan appointed Minton Dings as Youth Committee Chairman.

Moved by Keith Clark, Seconded by Bob Landwehr, to ratify said appointment. Motion carried.

President Paul Mangan appointed Phil Berry as Financial Review Chairman.

Moved by Bob Landwehr, Seconded by Jay Kabitzke, to ratify said appointment. Motion carried.

A discussion ensued regarding the period covered by the current Financial Review.

Old Business

Re: 501(c)(3) Project: Steve Studley reported on the status of the NMRA's 501c(3) project. The IRS rejected the application. The NMRA is investigating actions needed to make a reapplication acceptable to the IRS.

New Business

Regarding *Golden Rails*, the 2017 MWR Regional Convention in Rockford, Jay Kabitske said that there are still five openings in the Clinic Schedule. They have lost two operating layouts due to dismantling, and that the Rock River Valley Division's Secretary had recently resigned.

Paul Mangan indicated that he feels that the Region too much money and would like to explore methods for distributing some of the funds to the Divisions. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Ingrid Drozdak proposed that Article III of the Model Contest Rules be amended to include the statement, "Each entrant will be limited to a maximum of nine (9) entries per contest. With a maximum of two (2) in any one category."

Moved by Mike Hirvela, Seconded by Bob Blake to enact that proposal.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Moved by Minton Dings, Seconded by Jim Landwehr to table that motion until the April 30, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion to Table carried.

Announcements

Paul Mangan announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at the Holiday Inn, 7550 East State Street, Rockford, IL at 10:30 am.

Adjournment

Moved by Keith Clark, Seconded by Jim Landwehr, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

M. David Johnson
Secretary

Item 2
Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA,
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<u>Item</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Call to order	Paul Mangan
Minutes of last meeting	Paul Mangan
 <u>Reports/Comments</u>	
<u>Committees</u>	
Financial Review	See Below
Nominating	Fred Robinson
Other	Paul Mangan
Directors-at-Large	Paul Mangan
Division Directors	Paul Mangan
Regional Advisory Council Representative	Paul Mangan
Secretary	Dave Johnson
Treasurer	Keith Thomsen
Immediate Past President	Bill Litkenhous
President	Paul Mangan
 <u>Appointments</u>	
Minton Dings, Youth Chair	Paul Mangan
Phil Berry, Financial Review Chair	Paul Mangan
 Financial Review Committee Report	 Phil Berry
 <u>Old Business</u>	
501(c)(3) Project	Steve Studley
Other	Paul Mangan
 <u>New Business</u>	
Golden Rails 2017	Jay Kabitzke
Other	Paul Mangan
 <u>Announcements</u>	
Next Meeting Date, Time & Place: April 30, 2017, 9:00 AM in Rockford, IL.	Paul Mangan
 <u>Adjourn</u>	 Paul Mangan

Item 3
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Attendance

Name	Position/Term Expires/Division	Present	
		In Person	By Proxy
Paul Mangan	President/2017	X	
Steve Studley	Vice President/2017	X	
Dave Johnson	Secretary	X	
Keith Thomsen	Treasurer	X	
Bill Litkenhous	Immediate Past President		
Daniel Brewer	Director-at-Large/2017	X	
Gary Children	Director-at-Large/2017	X	
Minton Dings	Director-at-Large/2017	X	
Bob Landwehr	Director-at-Large/2018	X	
Jim Landwehr	Director-at-Large/2018	X	
Fred Robinson	Director-at-Large/2018		
Paul A. Wussow	Director-at-Large/2018		X
Keith Clark	Division Director/Central Indiana	X	
Alan Busic	Division Director/DuPage		
Mike Hirvela	Division Director/Fox Valley	X	
Mike Lehman	Division Director/ Illinois Terminal		
Michael Shockley	Division Director/Illinois Valley		
Bob Blake	Division Director/Michiana	X	
Jay Kabitzke	Division Director/Rock River Valley	X	
Bob McGeever	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin		
John B. Leow	Division Director/Winnebagoland		x
Reid Kahrs	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern	X	
Phil Berry	Financial Review Committee Chairman		
Mike Hurlburt	Model Contest Subcommittee Chairman		
Ingrid Drozdak	Photo Contest Subcommittee Chairman	X	
Don Cook	Election Committee Chairman		
Jim Osborn	Internet Committee Chairman		
Ron Scharping	Membership Committee Chairman		
Mike Vivion	Nominating Committee Chairman Proxy	X	
Lou Venema	Nominating Committee Member		
Walt Herrick	Photographer		
Capt. Al Nelson	Youth Committee Chair		
Kathy Mangan		X	

Item 21

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To: Board of Directors

From: Phil Berry

Date: October 2nd 2016

Subject: Financial Review Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

I have looked at the financial statements of the most recent month available at the time of my review (June 2016) and the amounts and balances all match the regions banks statement ending the same month. Based on that, I don't see anything amiss between the two.

Item 23

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To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: September 26, 2016

Subject: Convention Committee Chairman Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

I have not received any inquiries about future conventions, 2018 and beyond.

Planned Activities

Golden Rails 2017 to be hosted by RRVD, report by others

Item 29

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To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.

Date: September 19, 2016

Subject: Internet Committee Report

Assistance Requested

- 1) I need photo content to populate the model and prototype picture web pages. Division Supers, please send them to: webmaster@mwr-nmra.org
- 2) I have not yet received any clinic content for the "Clinic Resources" web page.

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Completed the mobile friendly website design and launched it.
- 2) Made timely updates to the MWR web site per requests from National & the membership.
- 3) Assisted the Secretary with the *Waybill* electronic publishing.
- 4) Posted current PDF versions of the *Waybill* on the web site.
- 5) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issue and updates.
- 6) Managed the Constant Contact Account sharing email arrangement.
- 7) Website usage statistics posted on the next page.

Planned Activities

- 1) Continue with the general management and maintenance of the MWR web site and internet activities as appropriate.
- 2) Continue to assist the Secretary with publishing electronic *Waybill* notices.
- 3) Support any division web requirements as requested.
- 4) I will assist the DuPage division with the redesign of their mobile friendly web page as soon as I receive their new content.

Website Usage Report:

Metric	Oct-Mar 2014	April-Sept 2014	Oct-March 2015	April-Sept 2015	Oct-March 2016	April-Sept 2016**		
Sessions	3446	2705	4556	2510	3090	1743		
Users	2492	1893	3384	1823	2292	1302		
Page Views	5616	4588	7156	4181	4996	2972		
Content Viewed								
Home Page	1653	1936	2622	1722	1651	1290		
Waybill	1207	1190	1317	1039	916	903		
Divisions	546	513	737	520	666	439		
Conventions	347	281	89	372	204	167		
DuPage Div.	1353	323	1495	241	1293	378		
Contest Photos	127	127	126	29	32	73		
Secretary's Page	66	86	72	61	47	85		
AP Page	33	35	56	30	28	27		
Referrals From:								
Direct Entry	914	939	965	816	946			
Nmra.org	666	740	1167	727	708	458		
Google	854	319	949	303	766	30		
Michiana	2	19	31	33	22	5		
CID.Railfan.net	124	84	85	47	61	43		
Mrtrains	136	10	56	2	3	-		
Fox Valley Div.	207	108	155	65	78	7		
Bing/Yahoo	91	91	191	74	171	-		
RRVD	6	8	19	4	17	12		

**Note: April-Sept 2016 usage under reported due to transition to the Mobile Friendly Website.

Item 31

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To: Board of Directors

From: Ron Scharping

Date: September 19, 2016

Subject: Membership Coordinator’s Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Continued to provide membership information to Division membership coordinators on a monthly basis. Completed the elimination of the printed reports. RRVD has requested the continuation of printed reports for their Division. A Division roster, which now contains all of the information on the printed reports, is emailed to those coordinators with email accounts.

Provided an interface to National in the updating of membership records; address, phone, zip code, and email address changes.

Maintained a table of Region members who have “opted-out” of a printed *Waybill*.

Worked with the Region Secretary in trying to provide corrected email addresses for those email addresses which are determined to be bad. This is done via a postcard to the member. Continued working with the Region Secretary to synchronize the Region Constant Contact list and the National database email addresses.

Provided the *Waybill* editor with mailing addresses for those members receiving a printed copy of the *Waybill*. Managed a “postage due” account with the Post Office to facilitate handling of undeliverable *Waybills*.

Planned Activities

Continue the above.

Region Membership Data

	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Division	(3/31/11)	(3/31/11)	(8/31/11)	(8/31/11)	(1/31/12)	(1/31/12)	(8/31/12)	(8/31/12)

1	298	114	279	102	267	101	253	84
2	154	44	149	42	151	45	146	44
3	179	57	169	56	163	53	157	45
5	100	31	100	31	89	35	97	35
6	236	82	233	75	236	76	231	81
7	32	10	32	10	31	13	27	8
9	262	87	251	85	248	82	244	77
10	111	37	103	39	99	40	93	33
11	240	88	239	92	233	93	244	97
15	90	29	86	29	85	34	89	35
Out of Reg.	47	47	53	53	57	57	62	62
Grand Total	1749	626	1694	614	1659	629	1643	601

Region Membership Data (Con't)

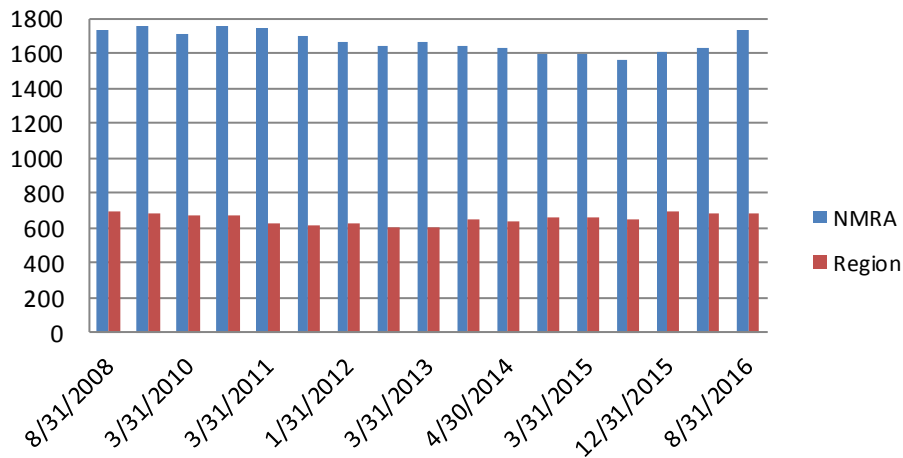
Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(3/31/13)	(3/31/13)	(9/30/13)	(9/30/13)	(3/31/14)	(3/31/14)	(9/30/14)	(9/30/14)
1	244	78	252	94	239	87	228	89
2	149	47	154	45	153	40	158	40
3	149	39	146	44	144	47	138	52
5	106	35	101	35	99	35	99	37
6	249	82	237	89	233	92	225	92
7	25	9	25	12	20	9	19	8
9	240	72	224	71	226	66	219	67
10	86	33	91	30	89	26	86	26
11	247	94	237	97	243	99	232	101
15	91	37	83	31	75	28	73	31
Out of Reg.	77	77	97	97	106	106	114	114
Grand Total	1663	603	1647	645	1627	635	1591	657

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(3/31/15)	(3/31/15)	(7/31/15)	(7/31/15)	(12/31/15)	(12/31/15)	(3/31/16)	(3/13/16)
1	219	90	215	86	223	89	222	85
2	164	47	159	48	160	54	165	51
3	138	53	141	52	145	58	140	56
5	100	38	102	36	93	35	92	35
6	220	85	211	86	225	87	252	99
7	20	7	20	7	20	8	24	9
9	217	68	209	67	220	70	220	69

10	91	26	90	27	93	30	92	31
11	227	97	226	95	220	94	221	91
15	79	36	80	36	78	38	80	36
Out of Reg.	116	116	108	104	130	130	126	126
Grand Total	1591	663	1561	644	1607	693	1634	688

Division	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total
	(8/31/16)	(8/31/16)
1	206	82
2	161	44
3	134	54
5	97	39
6	357	106
7	32	10
9	227	79
10	88	29
11	232	96
15	89	35
Out of Reg.	111	111
Grand Total	1734	685

Membership



Item 43

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To: Board of Directors

From: Minton Dings

Date: October 2, 2016

Subject: Fall Meeting, 2016 Director-At-Large Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Continue to be the Assistant Superintendent for the Illinois Valley Division.

Continue to be the editor of the IVD newsletter, the TIMETABLE.

Continue to offer clinics on model railroading subjects.

Continue to author subjects on model railroading to whoever wants to print them. Currently published by a non-profit educational model railroading organization located in Bradenton, Florida.

Am a Boy Scout merit badge counselor in railroading.

Planned Activities

Continue the above activities listed above.

Have accepted and will serve as youth coordinator for the Midwest Region upon approval of the MWR Board of Directors.

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To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Wussow DAL

Date: September 6, 2016

Subject: DAL Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

I was able to present Achievement Programs awards at the Du Page Division and also present a summary of the new STEM program of the Boy Scouts. The Division meeting was with the BSA group supported by the division host church with their modules on display.

In cooperation with the Liberty Hobby Center the local members of the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club (TLMRC) setup and tested their modules in Wheaton IL.

I was asked to arrange for the TLMRC to participate with the Demmer Memorial Library and The Three Lakes School Fab Lab to present a Make It! Camp at the school. The late summer camp at the school was for 6th thru 12th grade students living or visiting the Three Lakes WI area.

TLMRC modules would be used as part of the programming sessions in the camp.

During the last weeks of June, I hosted out of town members of the club at my house in Three Lakes in order to build new modules for the Make It! Camp. We constructed 3 new modules to add to the display.

After meeting with the camp staff I arranged to have modules equipped with signals and detection circuits interfaced with Arduino UNOs. (The school and the library are planning to have these for teaching this fall.)

Members joined me in early August to setup the modules at the school while I did the programming and prepared the training sessions for the camp.

The camp was successful at all levels with Laser cutting parts and 3D printing of HO car frames. The Local NBC Television Chanel 12 covered the camp with 3 news broadcasts which included the modules as TV eye candy.

Charlie Getz has passed information to the editor of the NMRA Magazine.

In addition, I gave a number of presentations around the North Woods about the NMRA and BSA programs.

I had the Arduino breadboard as part of a demonstration at the Three Lakes School (K-12) Open House.

Planned Activities

I am working on some training for a STEM program connecting education with model railroading.

Item 51

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To: Board of Directors

From: Keith Clark

Date: October 25, 2016

Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

July 3-10, 2016 – Highball to Indy, NMRA National Convention

Hugh amount of work went into preparing for this convention. Couto's to those who spent hours preparing and helping at the convention itself. We received very positive comments on the convention and all seemed to go very smoothly.

August 14, 2016 – CID Board Meeting

This was a closed meeting for board members only and includes a picnic with spouses attending.

September 24, 2016 – Fall CID Modelers Meet

This meet took place in Ellettsville Indiana and as always provided a vast array of information for modelers to take ideas back to their model railroads.

Planned Activities

October 9, 2016 – CID Board Meeting

Location is to be in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

October 16, 2016 – Carmel Library Show

As time for this show nears, arrangements will be made with the portable layout owners so ensure we have enough layouts on display. This is always a popular day for the library patrons and draws upwards to 800 kids and parents.

November 19, 2016 – CID Danville Meet

The meet will be held at the Hendricks County Fair Grounds in Danville, Indiana.

December 4, 2016 – CID Board Meeting

Location is to be in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

January 29, 2017 – CID Noblesville Meet

The meet will be held at the Hamilton County Fair Grounds in Danville, Indiana.

February 4&5, 2017 – Great Train Show

This will be held at the Indiana State Fair Ground. We will be have a booth at this event to promote the hobby of model railroading and the NMRA.

February 12 – CID Board Meeting

Location is to be in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

April 2, 2017 – CID Martinsville Meet

The meet will be held at the Martinsville Plaza in Martinsville, Indiana. The CID Annual Meeting will take place at this meet.

April 9, 2017 – CID Board Meeting

Location is to be in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

Other Activities

We are also planning a spring Modelers Meet and a spring Layout Tour but have not yet establish dates or locations for these events.

Item _52__

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To: Board of Directors

From: _____
Alan Busic, Superintendent_____

Date: October ___3_, 2016

Subject: DuPage Division_____ Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

April 2016 meeting: Division Layout Tour

June meeting: Cookout with Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew 57, they set up there HO modules to entertain our Division

Sept meeting: How to build your layout in a spare bedroom

Oct meeting: Iron Ore operations in Superior, Wisconsin (HO Style)

Planned Activities

Nov meeting: C&NW operations in Western Illinois

Dec meeting: Annual Holiday Party with Spouses

Feb 2017: Model Railroading 101 class for beginning modelers

March 2017: All American Railroad Show

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To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

From: Michael L. Hirvela, Director, Superintendent, FVD

Date: October 2, 2016

Subject: Fox Valley Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

FVD volunteer members participated in Woodstock Elementary School's World of Wonder Day event on May 13 at the school. This is a day-long event with interior and exterior activities for the students to have hands-on experiences with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-related items. We had Jim Allen's Action – Reaction on display and the MWR's Timesaver layout as well. Both were big hits with the students AND staff. The new Timesaver garnered interest as several of the teachers used the activity as a team-building effort as the students, as a group, made decisions and planned the switching moves. It was interesting to watch the students "coach" their instructor on what move to make next. They are looking forward to us returning again next year.

- The FVD conducted a monthly division meet on May 15 that included a slide presentation and model contest. Our monthly average attendance at our meets is between 35 and 40 members (37 average).

June 5th and August 14th: FVD participates every – other month with the DuPage Division, with a membership promotion table at the Great Midwest Train Show, also known as the DuPage swap, at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, IL.

- On June 11th, 2016, FVD members participated in the Village of Franklin Park, IL, Railroad Daze event, featuring 12-inch-to-the-foot-scale locomotives and rolling stock from several Chicago area Railroads, and this year, a special guest from Fort Wayne, Indiana. NKP #765 was in attendance and drew a large crowd to the event.

On June 23rd, in the Chicago Daily Herald newspaper was an article that the Board of Trustees of Wm. R. Harper College in Palatine, IL, had voted to commence a \$38 Million renovation of the athletic facility, Building M. This includes the gymnasium where we have been holding our annual train show, "High Wheeler." This effectively makes the venue unavailable for the duration of the construction, initially estimated to take two years. Discussions by e-mail among the FVD BoD occurred during late June and into August regarding this news and the possibility of alternate locations. A poll of the FVD BoD in mid-August indicated a desire to suspend the train show for 2017. The FVD BoD voted to not hold the train show in 2017 and we will be looking for a possible alternate site for 2018.

- August 20th, was our Summer outing, this year to the Railroad Park in Rochelle, IL. We had 38 members and guests in attendance with entertainment provided by Union Pacific and BNSF. Members enjoyed grilled summer picnic fare by our own grillmaster, Asst. Superintendent, Bob Shlemon. In spite of two small rainshowers dampening the day, the attendees had a good time.
- September 7th: We re-commenced monthly BoD meetings after the summer hiatus. The BoD is currently at 9 members, having split the Webmaster and Public Relations Trainmaster duties, with Jim Osborn retaining Webmaster TM and Chuck Rita assuming the PR TM position. The Trainmaster position for “Clinics and Programs” has been assumed by David Leider. The Ways and Means Trainmaster position (train show coordinator) remains vacant.
- We commenced publishing electronic and print versions of our monthly newsletter – *The Semaphore*, with the September issue, featuring highlights from the NMRA National Convention held last July in Indianapolis, IN. FVD Member Jim Allen won several 3rd, 2nd and 1st place awards, along with three special awards. The NMRA Magazine and the 2017 calendar will feature several of them.

Planned Activities

- Continue evaluation of potential future FVD High Wheeler Train Show location. Our current venue is not available in 2017 and 2018, making the future of the show in jeopardy. We have been evaluating other potential venues thus far without success finding a location that meets our logistic needs. We will need to determine if the FVD membership is still interested in running the shows. Member participation and manpower to run the show has been dwindling over the years.
- Continue the bi-monthly promotion of the NMRA and the division at the DuPage Train Show.
- Continue the monthly meet format and activities. Division elections will be held for Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster positions in April 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela
Superintendent, FVD

Item 55

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael Shockley

Date: October 2, 2016

Subject: Illinois Valley Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Bought used trailer to transport and store portable layout. Monies were supplied in part by a GoFundMe campaign that raised 1300 dollars. Some difficulty exists as the trailer is owned by the IVD, what insurance covers, how do we get coverage, etc. We are looking into it further.

IVD meet May 15, 2016 Spring Valley, IL—three layouts and two clinics

IVD meet September 11, 2016 Moline, IL—two clinics and two layouts

Michael Shockley will not be able to attend MWR BOD meeting. Minton Dings has his proxy.

Planned Activities

Travelling layout will be at Lewistown IL depot for first two weekends of October for the Spoon River Drive.

Also have been invited to Springfield Trainfair in March 2017. IVD BOD meeting Oct 1 will decide if we can do it.

IVD meet November 13, 2016—McLean IL two clinics two layouts still planning

IVD meet January 8, 2017—Havana IL—TBD

IVD meet March 12, 2017—Peoria, IL Elections—District 1 trainmaster ineligible, nominations ensuing. District 5 is tenuous at the moment. Nominations in the works there.

Item 58

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Bob McGeever, SCWD Superintendent

Date: September 28, 2016

Subject: South Central Wisconsin Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

April 2016 through August 2016

The Division held a Regular meeting in April with clinics, model contest, photo contest, door prizes, and layout tours afterwards. Annual meeting of the membership and BOD elections happened at this meeting.

Held annual joint meeting in May with the RRVD in Rockford

Youth Group meetings in April and May.

Completed new portable layout for Youth Group.

Awards Banquet held in May.

Summer Picnic held in July.

BOD meetings held in April, May, June and August.

Planned Activities

Regular Division meetings with clinics, model contest, photo contest, door prizes, and layout tours afterwards planned for September, October, November, December, February, March and April.

Joint meeting with RRVD at Madison planned for May.

Youth Group meetings planned for September, October, November, March, April and May. Youth Group will participate in Rail School and Rail Show.

Division Modeling Project will kick off in September.

Rail School planned for January 2017.

49th Annual Mad City Rail Show planned for Feb 18-19 2017.

Construct second set of T-Trak modules for youth group.

Item 59.

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: John Leow

Date: October 2, 2016

Subject: Director's Report - Winnebagoland Division

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

I was installed as the Superintendent of the Winnebagoland Division at the Division's Spring Meet in Neenah on May 14, 2016. I helped judge models at that meet, and ran the Division's Annual Meeting.

Attended and ran the Division's quarterly board meeting in Waupaca on June 18, 2016. Some of the items discussed at that meeting included division brochures, the topic of establishing subdivisions within the division, upcoming meets, our audit, and board member duties. I also attended the Strawberryfest train show while in Waupaca.

Attended and ran the Division's quarterly board meeting in Appleton on September 10, 2016. Some of the items discussed at that meeting included division brochures, nominations for Division officers for the upcoming year, upcoming meets and operating sessions, required state filings, board member duties, and the Division's presence at the Titledown Train Show.

Had the opportunity to help with the cosmetic restoration of Quincy and Torch Lake #6, a 3' gauge, outside frame 2-8-0 located in Hancock, MI.

Ongoing planning and organization for the Fall Division Meet in Marquette, Michigan on October 14-15, 2016. You're all invited, by the way.....

Planned Activities

Our Fall Operating Session, hosted by the FROG group, is scheduled for October, 2016.

Our Fall Division Meet and operating sessions in Marquette, Michigan are scheduled for October 14-15, 2016. Did I mention you're all invited?

We're planning a limited presence at the Arctic Run train show in Stevens Point in January 2017.

We're planning to have an increased presence at the Tiletown Train Show in April 2017, including some active construction of a small micro-layout.

Our Spring Division Meet is scheduled for May 6, 2017 in Neenah.

Our Fall Division meet is scheduled for Sheboygan. Date to be determined.

Item 60

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors
From: Reid Kahrs, Superintendent
Date: September 25, 2016
Subject: WISE Division Report

Planned Activities

October 16, 2016 - Midway Hotel & Suites – Brookfield

November 12-13, 2016 - **Trainfest - Wisconsin State Fair Park**
Information at trainfest.com

January 15, 2017 - Beginners Meet - Midway Hotel & Suites – Brookfield

February 18, 2017 - Bus trip (extra fare) to the NMRA SCWD Mad-City Train Show (Madison)

Item 70
Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: October 2, 2016

Subject: Regional Advisory Council report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

No activity to report

Planned Activities

Item 71

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: M. David Johnson

Date: October 2, 2016

Subject: Secretary's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- Prepared and distributed minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members held on May 1, 2016.
- Prepared and distributed minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 1, 2016.
- Prepared and distributed an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on October 2, 2016.
- Solicited Conflict of Interest Statements.
- Maintained the Secretary's Page.
- Maintained lists of key personnel.
- Obtained updated lists of Division officers and directors from the Divisions.
- Prepared and distributed for signature Region and Division Certification of Membership Forms.

Planned Activities

- Prepare and distribute minutes of the Board of Directors meeting to be held on October 2, 2016.
- Prepare and distribute an agenda for the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on April 30, 2017 in Rockford, Illinois.
- Prepare and distribute an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on April 30, 2017 in Rockford, Illinois.
- Consolidate and forward to the NMRA: Region and Division Certification of Membership forms.
- Maintain the Secretary's page.
- Maintain lists of key personnel. One list includes Region Officers, Directors-at-Large, Division Directors, and Committee/Subcommittee Chairmen/Members. The other list includes Division Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Chief Clerks, and

Paymasters. Please send additions, deletions, revisions, and corrections to these lists to mwrsecy@bds-soft.com. **Also, Division Superintendents should establish procedures to ensure that Division officers and directors keep their NMRA memberships current. An officer or director with an expired membership may not serve a Division in any capacity. Please note that the membership date in the monthly member list and on an individual's membership card is an expiration of membership date. It is not a renewal date.**

Item 72

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Keith A. Thomsen

Date: September 20, 2016

Subject: Treasurer's Report

September 20, 2016

Treasurer's Report

Income statement and balance sheet information for August 2016 year-to-date are attached for your information. Year-to-date August 2016 revenues totaled \$3,668.04 while net income was \$125.80.

Post August month end, a \$1,384.00 NMRA Region Rebate for the six months ending 8/31 was received. Divisional revenue sharing payments totaling \$348.50, at a rate of 25C per qualifying member, will be made in September based on the membership as of August 31, 2016.

August 31, 2016 cash balance was \$46,730.38 versus \$47,328.86 reported at the end of March and \$46,027.24 as of December 31, 2015. The Moskal Award and Youth Program Funds have been re-classed from current liabilities to "Equity", or more correctly for non-profits, the "Net Assets" section of the balance sheet.

Best regards,



Keith A. Thomsen
Treasurer

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Accrual Basis

Midwest Region NMRA
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2016

	<u>Aug 31, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
BMO Harris Checking	46,730.38
Total Checking	<u>46,730.38</u>
Total Checking/Savings	46,730.38
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts receivable	227.65
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>227.65</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>46,958.03</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>46,958.03</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts payable	804.99
Total Accounts Payable	<u>804.99</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>804.99</u>
Total Liabilities	804.99
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62
Permanently Restricted Funds	
Moskal Award Funds	165.20
Youth Program Funds	7,130.42
Total Permanently Restricted Funds	<u>7,295.62</u>
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	21,908.00
Net Income	125.80
Total Equity	<u>46,153.04</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>46,958.03</u>

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Accrual Basis

**Midwest Region NMRA
Profit & Loss
January through August 2016**

	<u>Jan - Aug 16</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
NMRA	
Revenue Sharing	1,383.00
Subscriptions	2,285.04
Total NMRA	<u>3,668.04</u>
Total Income	3,668.04
Expense	
NMRA Rebate	
Rebate to Divisions	345.75
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>345.75</u>
Overhead Expenses	
Achievement Program	91.80
Membership Committee	94.97
Web	267.78
Youth Program	279.19
Total Overhead Expenses	<u>733.74</u>
Waybill	
Postage	702.88
Printing	1,759.87
Total Waybill	<u>2,462.75</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,542.24</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>125.80</u>
Net Income	<u><u>125.80</u></u>

Item 73

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Steve Studley

Date: October 2, 2016

Subject: Vice President's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

May 1, 2016 Attended MWR Board Meeting and Annual Meeting of Members,
Madison, WI. Advertised *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention

July 3 – 10, 2016 Attended *Highball to Indy 2016* NMRA National Convention and
National Train Show

July 12, 2016 Relaxed

July 30, 2016 Attended Terre Haute Children's Museum Train Show, Terre Haute, IN

Sept. 10, 2016 Attended Columbus Area Train Show, Columbus, IN

Sept. 24, 2016 Attended CID, Modelers Meet, Ellettsville, IN

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2016 Attended Michiana E&T Conference, South Bend, IN.

Oct. 2, 2016 Attending Midwest Region Board Meeting, South Bend, IN.

Planned Activities

Oct. 15, 2016 Attend CID/Carmel Library Train Show, Carmel, IN

Nov. 19, 2016 Attend CID Danville Train Show, Danville, IN

Dec. 10, 2016 Attend Naptown & White River Train Show, Indianapolis, IN

Jan. 29, 2017 Attend CID Noblesville Meet and Train Show, Noblesville, IN

Feb. 4 – 5, 2017 Attend Great Train Show, Indianapolis, IN

Apr. 28 – 30, 2017

Attend MWR convention, Rockford, IL

Apr. 30, 2017

Attend MWR Board Meeting, Rockford, IL

Item 75
Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors
From: Paul Mangan
Date: October 2, 2016
Subject: Presidents Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

July

3rd – 9th 2016 Attended the N M R A Convention in Indianapolis IN
23 - 2016 Attended the annual SCWD summer picnic

August

18th – 21st attended the annual camping by the tracks event at Trempealeau WI.
Visiting the Layouts of Vernon Jordan and Bill Shoemaker. Also hung out at
the BNSF tracks to watch trains.

September 11th Attended the first SCWD meeting of the new season.

Planned Activities

November

11th, 12th & 13th Setting up with Madison HoTrak at Trainfest.

November & December

T B A Setting up garden trains at Olbrech Gardens and Janesville Rotary Gardens for
Holiday train shows.

January 2017

8th Attending SCWD Rail School

February

17, 18 & 19 Attending Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale Show # 50.

March 2017 LaCrosse train show and Rockford train shows. Dates to be determined.

April 28 – 30 Attending Golden Rails Midwest Region Convention in Rockford IL

Item 84

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Steve Studley

Date: October 2, 2016

Subject: 501(c)(3) Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

News received from the NMRA Board of Directors Summer meeting in Indianapolis, IN, July, 2016.

The IRS has rejected the initial application for a unified 501(c)(3) classification for the test Region and Division. The NMRA has asked a law firm for advice on how to adjust the application to get it through the IRS.

Planned Activities

Continue to monitor the process and initiate MWR's application for tax exempt status when allowed.